another person via the infrastructure, the infrastructure comprising a speech recognition server, a method comprising steps of:

engaging in a voice communication between the user of the subscriber unit and the other person via the infrastructure;

locally recognizing, during the voice conversation, presence of an interrupt indicator; and

activating, in response to the presence of the interrupt indicator, a portion of a speech recognition element to begin processing voice-based commands, wherein the speech recognition element is implemented at least in part within the infrastructure.

2. (**Amended One Time**) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of locally recognizing further comprises a step of:

activating an input device forming a part of the subscriber unit to provide the interrupt indicator.

4. (**Amended One Time**) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of locally detecting further comprises steps of:

locally monitoring the voice communication, via a local speech recognizer implemented within the subscriber unit, for at least one predetermined utterance; and

providing the interrupt indicator upon recognizing one of the at least one predetermined utterance.

9. (**Amended One Time**) A subscriber unit that wirelessly communicates with an infrastructure, the subscriber unit comprising:

a detector for locally recognizing presence of an interrupt indicator during a voice communication between the subscriber unit and the infrastructure; and

a portion of a speech recognition element that takes as input the presence of the interrupt indicator and, being activated by the presence of the interrupt indicator, begins processing voice-based commands, wherein the speech recognition element is implemented at least in part within the infrastructure.

12. (**Amended One Time**) The subscriber unit of claim 9, wherein the detector comprises a local speech recognizer that monitors the voice communication for at least one predetermined utterance and that recognizes presence of the interrupt indicator upon detecting one of the at least one predetermined utterance.

17. (**Amended One Time**) A wireless communication system comprising at least one subscriber unit in wireless communication with an infrastructure, the wireless communication system comprising:

within each of the at least one subscriber unit:

a detector for locally recognizing presence of an interrupt indicator during a voice communication between one of the at least one subscriber unit and the infrastructure;

a speech recognition client that takes as input the presence of the interrupt indicator and, being activated by the presence of the interrupt indicator, begins processing voice-based commands; and

a speech recognition server, within the infrastructure, that cooperates with the speech recognition client to provide a speech recognition element.

20. (**Amended One Time**) In a speech recognition server forming a part of an infrastructure and a part of a speech recognition element, the infrastructure in wireless communication with at least one subscriber unit, a method comprising steps of:

receiving, from a subscriber unit of the at least one subscriber unit, speech information provided in response to local recognition, at the subscriber unit, of presence of an interrupt indicator during a voice communication; and

performing speech recognition processing based on the speech information.

23. (**Amended One Time**) The method of claim 20, wherein the interrupt indicator is recognized by locally monitoring, at the subscriber unit, the voice communication for at least one predetermined utterance.

25. (**Amended One Time**) A speech recognition server for use in an infrastructure that is in wireless communication with at least one subscriber unit, the speech recognition server comprising:

a receiver that takes as input speech information received from a subscriber unit of the at least one subscriber unit in response to local recognition, at the subscriber unit, of presence of an interrupt indicator during a voice communication; and

a speech recognition analyzer that performs speech recognition processing based on the speech information.